

Amendment to the Drawings

A Replacement sheet for Figure 1 is being submitted. The replacement sheet shows Figure 1 amended to include the features referred to by the Examiner in his paragraph 1.

REMARKS

The replacement sheet shows Figure 1 amended to include the features referred to by the Examiner in his paragraph 1. As regards to the Examiner's paragraph 2, it is submitted that this objection falls away. This is because amended Figure 1 includes an ARP entity, indicated by the Examiner on page 5, line 1 of the office action as not being disclosed by the cited prior art document, namely US patent No. 6,535,493 to Lee et. al. ("Lee"). The informalities referred to by the Examiner to the specification and the claims have been corrected.

The Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being obvious over Lee. The Examiner has objected to claims 2 to 7 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but indicated that such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 1 has been amended to require the features of claim 2. Accordingly it is respectfully believed that claim 1 is in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. The objection to wording against claim 2 has been addressed in the amended claim 1. Claim 2 has been cancelled.

Claim 3 has been made dependent on amended claim 1. Claims 3 to 7 are patentable not least on the basis that they each depend on an allowable amended claim 1.

New claim 8 has been added and is analogous to a combination of previous claim 1 and claim 4. This claim is in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

New dependent claims 9 to 11 have been added dependent on claim 8 and analogous to previous claims 5 to 7. These claims are allowable in view of the Examiner's indication of patentable subject matter and because they each depend on an allowable claim 8.

In view of the above, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance. In the event of any fees inadvertently omitted or any improper payment of fees, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit Lucent Technologies Deposit Account No.12-2325 to correct the error now or during the pendency of this application.

If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone conversation would be helpful, please contact Julio Garceran at (908) 582-7294.

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